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DOD SPONSORED TRAINING

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1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO SECDEF QUERY KEYED
TO LETTERED PARAGRAPHS REFTEL 1.

A. ON BASIS SECTION 617 FAA WHICH, WITHIN LIMITATIONS,
PERMITS CONTINUED FUNDING FOR PURPOSE OF WINDING UP MAP
AND OTHER FAA PROGRAMS, CAMBODIAN MAP TRAINING ACTIVITIES
MAY BE CONTINUED FOR TIME BEING.

B. ONCE TRAINING TERMINATED, ALLOCATED FUNDS MAY BE
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NORMALLY USED TO RETURN TRAINEE TO NEAREST POINT TO

CAMBODIA IF HE WISHES. ALTERNATIVELY, IF TRAINEE WISHES REMAIN IN US OR IN THIRD COUNTRY AFTER TERMINATION OF TRAINING, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF STUDENTS WITH MAP FUNDS.

C. IF STUDENT DECIDES REMAIN IN US, HE SHOULD CONTACT NEAREST OFFICE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND ALSO VOLUNTARY AGENCY TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY CARE AND MAINTENANCE. AT THIS POINT, DOD FUNDING CAN CEASE AND STUDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF VOLUNTARY AGENCY. AGENCY, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO REIMBURSE DOD FOR PRIOR EXPENSES.

D. AS STATED IN B ABOVE AND IN PARA 2B OF REFTTEL 2, TRAINEE REQUESTS FOR RETURN NEAREST POINT TO CAMBODIA SHOULD BE HONORED AND EXPEDITED.

E. TRAINEES WHO REQUEST THEIR DEPENDENTS JOIN THEM IN US SHOULD BE TOLD THAT USG WORKING ON PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE ASYLUM IN US FOR CAMBODIANS NOW IN THIRD COUNTRIES. IF DEPENDENTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES NEED FUNDS WHICH TRAINEES HERE CANNOT SUPPLY, DEPENDENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO APPLY TO OFFICES IN THIRD COUNTRIES OF UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION, AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. AS FOR DEPENDENTS STILL IN CAMBODIA, THERE APPARENTLY LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING THEM OUT AT PRESENT. KISSINGER

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